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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 09/600,429

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For: COMMUNICATION CONTROL METHOD,  
COMMUNICATION METHOD, SERVER  
APPARATUS, TERMINAL DEVICE, RELAY  
APPARATUS AND COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the

documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Prior art references B1 and B2 were cited in an Office Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application. Applicants are submitting a copy of the Office Action with this Statement. Prior art reference B1 is in Japanese. Applicants are also submitting an English abstract of the reference.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

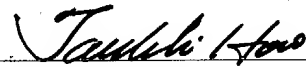
This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) after the mailing date of a Final Action but before payment of the issue fee. As noted on the first page of the Japanese Office Action, it was mailed April 13, 2004 to the Applicants. Therefore, the undersigned attorney hereby certifies under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(1) that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2), a check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed with this Statement. No more fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material,

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

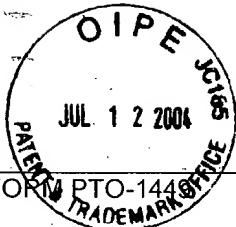
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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	B1	JP H8-340336	12/24/1996	Japan		Abstract
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**OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)	
	B2	"DOD STANDARD, TRANSMISSION CONTROL PROTOCOL", Information Sciences Institute, University of Southern California, January 1980, 8 Pages
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